

Recently the Family Resource Center budget was projected to be <u>reduced by 50%</u> at the State Department of Education level and the potential for further cuts or possibly total elimination of this grant may be considered.

If you or your family was, or is currently enrolled in any FRC programs: Parent/Child Activity Groups; Drop In Centers; Grandparents Group; Baby Time; Family, Friends, and Neighbors; Parents as Teachers Program, Resource and Referral services; or any of the many other FRC programs such as the End of the Year activities, etc. that you write a statement/story about what those services mean to you and your family.

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What does the Family Resource Center mean to you and your family?

My grandson, Jayden Harris, began going to Parents' Place at Stratford Academy when he was 2. His Dad brought him regularly and I filled in when needed. It is a phenomenal program with wonderful loving and caring staff.

This was an important experience for Jayden since he is an only child. The activities were always well planned and every child thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was the recipient of special attention from all of the teachers.

This year I took Jayden to a grandparents' program one Tuesday a month and this program was also very special and well planned. It gave many grandparents a chance to spend some special time with a grandchild.

I heartily support any efforts to retain this program in the town of Stratford.